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Letter dated 24 December 2018 from the Chargé d' affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing to you regarding the continued growing threats and provocative statements made by the officials of the Administration of the United States of America against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

While I have referred to some of those cases in my letter dated 27 November 2018 addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (S/2018/1057), as well as in my statement during the Security Council meeting on 12 December 2018 (S/PV.8418), I would like to bring to your attention the following.

In his statement in the aforesaid meeting of the Security Council, the United States Secretary of State once again unsuccessfully tried to accuse Iran of violating resolution 2231 (2015) of the Security Council, while the United States itself is violating this same resolution by using all possible tools on a daily basis. Indeed, this is a provocative and desperate Iranophobic attempt which is part and parcel of the American psychological war against Iran.

The statement of the United States Secretary of State is in clear contradiction with the overall object and purpose as well as the spirit and letter of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action and is a blatant violation of the provisions of resolution 2231 (2015), for which the United States should be held accountable.

Moreover, in a press conference on 29 November 2018, the United States Special Representative clearly threatened my country by stating that "we have the military option on the table" and "we will not hesitate to use military force". This statement is definitively a clear violation of Article 2 (4) of the Charter of the United Nations, according to which: "All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political

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independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations."

The aforementioned hostile policies and unlawful practices of the United States against Iran that have continued over the past 40 years need to be stopped, and the United States should be held accountable for such policies and wrongful acts. Reserving all of its rights to stand against the animosities of the United States, Iran calls on the international community to resist the irresponsible policies of the United States that endanger the very foundations of multilateral instruments and institutions as well as to oblige it to act responsibly and in accordance with international law.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 86 and 91, and of the Security Council.

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